Litchfield Hills / Northwestern Connecticut Recycling Advisory Committee

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VIA E-MAIL

The Environment Committee
The Honorable Edward Meyer, Chairman
The Honorable Richard Roy, Chairman
Members of the Environment Committee

Re: Raised Bill No. 5118

Dear Environment Committee Members:

The Recycling Advisory Committee for the northwest corner voted unanimously to support Raised Bill No. 5118, reclassifying Trash to Energy Facilities as Class One Renewable Energy Sources.

We believe that this bill represents the best of all possible worlds, keeping facilities like CRRA viable, reducing our municipal tipping fees, and promoting renewable energy without any additional cost to our citizens. Failure to pass this bill will result in increasing the tipping fees to our municipalities, undermining the sustainability of the trash to energy concept in Connecticut, and tarnishing the integrity of Connecticut's own Solid Waste Management Plan.

We would hope that your Committee will look favorably upon this bill, and promote its expeditious passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Dver

Chairman and First Selectman of Norfolk

cc: RAC Members

NWCCOG and LHCEO Members

Area legislators